



Beka Compton

Remember the tree that blocked off W 2nd Street (Highway 124) after a recent windstorm? The tree made its way to local miller Ed Lambert, who has been busy making beautiful planks from the trunk.

THIS WEEK



Dolly shares her love of books.
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Dayon City Council block progress on waste water treatment plant

By Justin Jaesch | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton City Council met at 6 p.m., April 12, 2022. All Council members were present, Misty Yost, Tiger Dieu, Marchand Hovrud, Dain Nysoe, Laura Aukerman, Teeny McMunn, Kyle Anderson, and Mayor Zac Weatherford.

The Chamber of Commerce Director, Belinda Larsen, announced their awards presentations would be held on April 20, 2022, and they are working on the Dayton Days and All Wheels Weekend events. The Chamber is discussing parade routes with the County.

The City Council handled several housekeeping measures. The City Council discussed authorizing the mayor to enter a Purchase Letter of Intent with Northwest Development, LLC for a vacant lot on the corner of North First Street and Commercial Street. This City owned lot is behind Dingles and serves as a gravel parking lot. The sales price listed in the letter is \$65,000, about two dollars a square foot.

Council Member Misty Yost said she thought the offer was a “slap in the face,” as the offer was several times less per square foot than recent vacant lot sales in Dayton. Yost said the improved corner, with the statue and benches, alone assessed for \$150,000.

Council Member Aukerman asked, “Why would we want to sell it, regardless of the cost?” Weatherford said one reason is so the lot would return to the City’s tax roll.

The representative from the development firm said a national tenant wanted to build a 12,000 to 14,000 square foot building with parking and “create some jobs.”

Aukerman then made a motion to deny the sale of the lot. Council Member Hovrud seconded the motion.

Council Member Nysoe said, “I think this is the wrong move. The message we are sending to other businesses anywhere who are considering coming to Dayton is that we don’t want any more business in Dayton. That’s a bad, bad, economic position that the City Council is being asked to ignore. We had this proposal before us last year for the same price, and we had asked Northwest Development, LLC, to pay for an appraisal. Our previous planner left about that time, and the whole issue fell apart.”

Nysoe said that if the land was undervalued, the City should counter their offer.

“We are saying we don’t want growth; we don’t want new people coming to Dayton, and that’s been demonstrated over and over again,” said Nysoe.

Aukerman said, “I disagree, Dain. I am not in any way, shape, or form, or I don’t think if anyone refuses this letter of intent in any way, shape, or form, is saying we don’t want new business in Dayton. It’s saying, I mean, this is almost insulting. And so, if this company, NW Development, LLC, is serious, then they will bring back a different offer, and we might reconsider. But \$65,000 for almost two-thirds of that block is ridiculous, and from a business standpoint, yeah. So, by saying no, I am in no way saying we don’t want new business in Dayton; I’m saying I don’t believe in selling our self short.”

Nysoe asked, “Then why not counter.”

The NW Development representative said they were more than willing to look at appraisals and negotiate the price. But if told no without any counter, they would go away and they not

Port shuts down Touchet Valley Trail funding

Commissioners vote 2-1 against two grants and restrict further steps until an advisory vote is held.

By Justin Jaesch and Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Actions taken by the Port Commissioners at the April 13, meeting may have ended years of work on the Touchet Valley Trail Project. The meeting at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Youth Building was standing room only and well attended on Zoom.

Director Jennie Dickinson, Chair Gene Crowe, and Council Members Seth Bryan and Johnny Watts were present.

The meeting began with public comments focused on the Touchet Valley Trail Project (TVTP).

Concerns from those against the project included fear of the trail attracting the homeless, liability from pesticide spraying, and private property issues. Some speakers would like the money from the trail to be spent on fixing streets, buildings, and putting in a new pool.

Support for the trail included health benefits and safety issues for bikers and pedestrians on Highway 12, and economic development benefits.

There was considerable emotion from many who attended, regardless of their position.

After closing comments, the Chair Genie Crowe returned to routine business matters. Commissioners approved minutes, the budget report, and the purchase of electronic WiFi-only tablets for use by the commissioners—the purchase not to exceed five hundred dollars.

Director Dickinson gave the assets report starting with the Rock Hill Industrial Park. There will be a workday spearheaded by the Blue’s Crew to widen the Rock Hill trail on May 1, 2022, at 1 p.m. She encouraged anyone interested in volunteering to contact the port office.

At Blue Mountain Station, the soil test for arsenic showed the level well within standards. Council Member Bryant requested a tour of BMS, and it was scheduled for the Commissioners to visit the BMS businesses at 4 p.m., April 27, 2022. This would be a workshop meeting, and no decisions or voting are to occur.

Director Dickinson, Brian Hansen and Adam Schmidtgall from Anderson Perry, and Ken Van Voorhis from SPVV, Landscape Architects, gave an update on the trail. The commissioners were given the opportunity to ask questions about the proposal or the grant applications before the evening’s vote.

Hansen presented the current trail costs and estimates. He explained the four phases developed by the steering committee for constructing the trail.

Van Voorhis said he works on trails and parks as a consultant. Part of this work is helping to process and apply for Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grants. He said RCO grant applications are accepted every other year, and the port can apply this year. These grants can be used for various recreational development, including splash pads, pools, parks, and trails.

He reminded the commissioners that specific development funded with an RCO grant must be kept as a public recreation area in perpetuity. This is the same requirement for the marina at Lyon’s Ferry, which received

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LETTERS

AT THE LIBERTY: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2

THE TIMES

The world's favorite blue hedgehog is back for a next-level adventure. After settling in Green Hills, Sonic is eager to prove he has what it takes to be a true hero. His test comes when Dr. Robotnik returns, this time with a new partner, Knuckles, in search for an emerald that has the power to destroy civilizations. Sonic teams up with his own sidekick, Tails, and together they embark on a globe-trotting journey to find the emerald before it falls into the wrong hands. From the filmmakers behind *The Fast and the Furious* and *Deadpool*, *Sonic The Hedgehog* stars James Marsden, Ben Schwartz as the voice of Sonic, Tika Sumpter, Natasha Rothwell, Adam Pally, and Jim Carrey returning, alongside new additions Shemar Moore, with Idris Elba as the voice of Knuckles, and Colleen O'Shaughnessey as the voice of Tails.

This movie is rated 67% fresh/favorable from the Rotten Tomatoes critics, but the audience has it at 97% favorable. It is rated PG for action, some violence, rude humor and mild language. Runtime is 2 hrs. 2 minutes.

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COUGAR 2003 - 2022

Cougar died April 11, 2022. He was 19 years old. He was born feral behind the Waitsburg Hardware Store. So, he was trapped and neutered and became the store cat. Cougar greeted customers at the cash register. He dearly loved his person John, and they shared many late-night meals and snacks together. He loved his food. Lasagna, pepperoni, and cheese popcorn were his favorites. He was the "Lion King" of the felines and canines that came through the store. He tolerated all the attention he received and was happy to oblige the people who came in for a "cat fix." Cougar lived a long, wonderful life and died peacefully in Marilyn's arms. There was a private burial, and a celebration of life will be celebrated later. Memorial contributions can be made to the Humane Society, or the cat rescue of your choice, so that another feral cat can have a chance at a good life.



DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK CLEANING

THE TIMES

City of Walla Walla staff will be cleaning downtown sidewalks the week of April 17th. Work will begin the evening of April 17 and will conclude the morning of April 21. All work will take place from 9:00 pm until 7:00 am each workday. Sidewalks in and around the work areas will be wet and noise will be created through the use of pressure washers.



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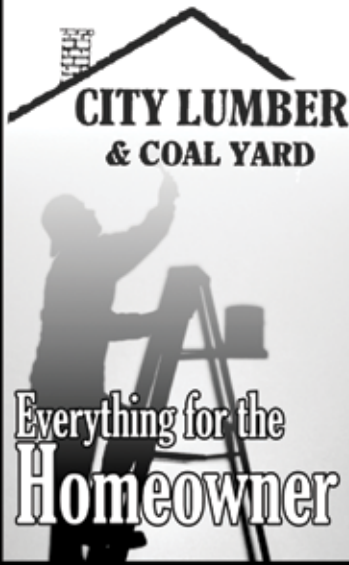


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QUESTIONS OVER WWTP VOTE

Dear Editor,

After Dayton City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 12th, I sent a letter to Mayor Weatherford and the council asking the following questions:

- *Is there an alternative plan to bring our city into compliance for wastewater treatment? Will implementing a different solution take longer than continuing with the plan that was in place?*
- *How much money has the city spent in developing the plan that was just voted down?*
- *When considering the time and money that has been put into the research and planning of this project, what is the advantage of the alternate plan?*
- *Has the city now lost the \$16,000 in earnest money paid to Bryan Martin that was mentioned at last night's meeting?*
- *Will implementing a different solution take longer than continuing with the plan that was in place?*

Mayor Weatherford sent this reply:

"Good afternoon, Shellie,

As I am not a voting member of council I cannot explain exactly why each council member voted one way or the other last night.

"I can however answer some of your questions.

"Yes, several agencies have worked together to come up with the project over many years.

"There was an absolute ton of time, effort, and energy that went into preparing this project by the City of Dayton, Anderson Perry, Department of Ecology, Washington Water Trust, The Umatilla Tribes, and many others. Now we (city staff, and all others involved in the WWTP project) will have to regroup to come up with another solution. This process will include council members from the Dayton City Council Public Works Committee.

"Implementing a different solution will definitely take longer than continuing the plan that was in place.

"The City of Dayton has spent approximately \$200,000.00 on this project. This money was spent on conducting investigations and all due diligence to make sure that property would work for this project.

"The city has lost the \$16,000.00 earnest money paid due to the previous contract has expired and with council's decision not to pursue purchasing this property Mr. Martin has no obligation to pay that money back.

"I hope this helps answer some of your questions.

"Thank you. Zac Weatherford"

Councilwoman Laura Aukerman, who voted no, and former Councilwoman Marchand Hovrud, who voted no and resigned the next day, gave vague explanations for their votes citing "private discussion during executive session" as a reason for being vague.

RCW 42.30.110 outlines the requirements for executive session. 1b & c state that discussion that could affect the price of a real estate purchase or sale may be discussed without public disclosure. Now that there is no land purchase agreement, there is no requirement to keep the discussion private. In fact, it is my understanding that it is illegal to do so if the information is requested.

When making major decisions for our city, it is important that the council understands the research that has been done for them, the consequences of their actions, and the laws of public disclosure.

We, as a community should also be concerned as to whether or not the council understands the dire consequences of their inaction. In 2019, the Dept. of Ecology charged King County \$105,500 for violations. They have been patient with the City of Dayton as they were working with the city to formulate a plan, which has now been abandoned. How will businesses that have permits from the Dept of Ecology continue to operate? Will anyone be able to build a new house within the city, using our existing sewer system while it is out of compliance? I'd like to know if the council members had the answers to these questions before they made their decision.

Shellie McLeod
Dayton, WA





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OBITUARY

Donnie Henderson

August 8, 1930-April 13, 2022

After being called by God to serve Him for nearly a century, Donnie Ruth Henderson, went to spend eternity with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

Born August 8, 1930, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to Donald and Ida Nell Raymick, Donnie grew up in the country with siblings James and Sunny Ramick. Reaching a height of 5' 11" by the time she was in High School, basketball seemed to be a natural fit for her, earning All-State Honors her senior year. Being raised in the Bible belt, Donnie could be found at all sorts of youth church activities which is where she met a handsome young man named, Wayne Henderson. Story has it, she went home that night and told her mom, "He doesn't know it yet but I'm going to marry him." Years later on September 22, 1957, in Monroe, Louisiana, Donnie became Mrs. Wayne Henderson. Together they had one son, Tony Henderson. Donnie and Wayne were married 43 years until Wayne's passing in March of 2000.



Donnie Henderson

After several years of church work in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, Wayne, never one to shy away from a challenge, told Donnie he felt God was telling them to minister to people in the Pacific Northwest. Her answer was, "Well, Wayne, God hasn't told me that yet." In 1965, "The Three Bears," as Donnie liked to call her family, moved to Nez Pierce, Idaho and a year later to Waitsburg, Washington.

With a B.A. degree in Business from Northeast Louisiana State College in the early 1950's and additional credits through WSU, Donnie earned a secondary teaching certification and began a long career as a teacher for the Waitsburg School District. Donnie loved teaching and held a special place in her heart for her students. During this period Donnie was blessed with two grandsons, Dain and Cougar. No doubt, some of her most cherished moments were the times she spent with them.

Upon retirement in 1992, Donnie climbed on the back of Wayne's motorcycle as they began a ministry in the biker world through the Christain Motorcycle Association (CMA). This opportunity to serve God led to missionary trips around the world. In later years, Donnie began leading women's Bible studies in Dayton and at her home in Waitsburg. Donnie had a heart for others and was "Always Pursuing for God and Family."

Donnie is preceded in death by Donald and Ida Nell Raymick, and husband, Wayne Henderson. Donnie is survived by her son, Tony (Brenda) Henderson of Dayton, Grandchildren Dain (Kaity) Henderson of Spokane, Cougar Henderson of Aberdeen, Abby Chapman of CDA, ID, Ally (Eric) Harder of Kahlotus, WA and great grand-daughter Dallas Henderson also of Spokane.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, April 23, 9AM at the Christian Church in Waitsburg. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a missionary organization of the donor's choosing.

BOARD OF HEALTH NOT TO REQUIRE COVID-19 VACCINES FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA – On April 13, the Washington State Board of Health (SBOH) voted not to include COVID-19 in the state's immunization requirements for school entry at this time. As stated in today's SBOH meeting, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) supports the recommendation of the SBOH's technical advisory group (TAG) and thanks the TAG for its thorough and methodical and transparent review of this matter over several months.

During the SBOH discussion, it was made clear that both DOH and SBOH continue to support COVID-19 vaccines as being safe and effective, and particularly protective against severe illness, hospitalization, and death. Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccine recommendations is the best way to protect community members against COVID-19.

DOH continues to remind community members to help protect our schools, educators, and students by urging everyone to continue to do their part by getting vaccinated and boosted, if eligible. DOH reminds people to wear a mask if needed, stay home and get tested if they feel sick, and follow isolation recommendations if they test positive.

COVID-19 is increasing in some communities, and we must still actively work to prevent its spread.

This statement was originally attributed to the Secretary of Health, and it should be attributed to the Washington State Department of Health instead.

The DOH website at doh.wa.gov is your source for a healthy dose of information. Find them on Facebook and follow on Twitter. Sign up for the DOH blog, Public Health Connection, <https://medium.com/wadepthealth>

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Monday, March 21

B: Scrambled eggs & sausage
L: Chicken alfredo
Garlic bread
Veggie
Fruit

Tuesday, March 22

B: Biscuit & Gravy
L: Macaroni & cheese
Chips
Veggie
Fruit

Wednesday, March 23

B: Muffins & yogurt
L: Grilled cheese
Tomato soup
Veggie
Fruit



UNITED WAY OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS ANNOUNCES RETURN OF VIRTUAL SINGING COMPETITION FUNDRAISER, SING UNITED

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—United Way of the Blue Mountains is excited to announce the return of its virtual singing competition to our region. Sing United: Clash of the Blue Mountain Beats will celebrate and recognize great musical talent in Columbia, Umatilla, Morrow, Baker, Union, Wallowa, Grant, Walla Walla, Harney, and Malheur counties while helping the community grow stronger through the efforts of United Way. The virtual singing competition and fundraiser are for local bands and musicians who live, go to school, or have performed in (or with ties) to these counties. The Grand Prize winner will receive \$2,500 and an opportunity for live headline performances, and more prizes will be announced soon. Money raised during tournament voting will support United Way of the Blue Mountains in the fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every member of our community.

"The first year of Sing United was an incredible success for our area. Through the competition, we were able to raise more than \$20k to help our neighbors right here in our community," said Christy Lieualen, Executive Director of United Way of the Blue Mountains. "We have tremendous musical talent here. During the first Sing United competition, we heard from the artists that they felt the competition helped them grow as musicians, but even more as people. We love that Sing United has been able to bring people together with the ultimate goal of helping each other. In the end, we all win. We couldn't wait to bring Sing United Clash of the Blue Mountain Beats back for a second year."

Like last year, Sing United will be organized by a selection committee as a single-elimination bracket tournament. Musicians and bands must submit registration for the tournament by May 16 at 8 a.m. The competition bracket and first-round match-up dates will be announced soon after. The winner of each match-up is based on the number of votes in the United Way Sing United fundraiser. Each dollar contributed counts as one vote. For eligibility requirements and to enter the tournament, musicians and bands can visit <https://www.uw-bluemt.org/sing>. Registration is open immediately.

SUMMER JOBS FOR YOUTH AVAILABLE WITH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Whitman Mission National Historic Site to recruit summer interns

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Are you interested in a summer position with the National Park Service? Whitman Mission National Historic Site is recruiting up to two individuals for its Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program. The eight-week program starts Monday, June 20, and ends Friday to August 12, 2022. Enrollees work 40 hours per week at \$14.49 per hour. Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

The Youth Conservation Corps is a federal program employing youth ages 15 to 18 in conservation work on public lands. Participants develop a better understanding and appreciation of natural and cultural resources, park maintenance needs, and park interpretation during their participation in the program.

For more information and an application please contact Whitman Mission National Historic Site by phone (509) 522-6360 ext. 2056 or email Merton_heidenrich@nps.gov. YCC applicants must be at least 15 years of age by June 20, 2022, but not turn 19 until after August 12, 2022. The parental consent portion of the application must be completed and signed by the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian. Applications must be submitted no later than Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a work permit as required under the laws of their State before the first day of work; have a Social Security number or have placed an application for one; and be willing to work hard and participate in most work projects.

Whitman Mission National Historic Site is located eight miles west of Walla Walla, WA on Whitman Mission Road. For more information, please contact Whitman Mission National Historic Site at 509-522-6360, visit www.nps.gov/whmi or find them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/whitman-mission/>.

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come back.

He said the business looking at locating on the lot is a Dollar Tree/Family Dollar store, a small grocery store that would sell some of the same items as Walmart.

Aukerman rescinded her motion and moved discussions with the development company to be opened.

The Council passed a motion that would open negotiations with NW Development but require them to return with an appraisal.

The Council next voted on resolution #1490, authorizing the mayor to execute an interlocal cooperative agreement with Columbia County for temporary planning department services. Columbia County often handles minor planning issues, while the contract with AHDL is to cover more complex, larger planning jobs. The Council approved this resolution.

The council was asked to authorize resolution #1489, authorizing the mayor to complete the land purchase agreement with Bryan Martin and Pat and Rhonda Barker to acquire land for the sewage treatment drain field. The mayor remarked that this item was the reason for a lengthy executive session special council meeting last week. Since that meeting, a conditional land use agreement has been issued for the use of that property.

Dayton has been working with the Department of Ecology for years. The City’s treatment plant can no longer release the effluent into the Touchet River from May to October as it does not meet standards. Since 2007, the City has been exploring options but has not found a workable solution. In 2019, Dayton was approached by the Washington Water Trust and the Umatilla Tribe to explore an innovative option that would remove pollutants but still replenish the water in the Touchet Valley and Columbia Basin. After mechanical cleaning by a new treatment plant, the wastewater infiltrates through the ground and back to the Touchet River as clean water.

Washington Water Trust provided funding for a feasibility study to identify suitable parcels of land. The study identified the two parcels identified in resolution #1489 as the best location for maximizing water return to the river. After many engineering studies, these properties were identified as suitable. Dayton has invested about \$200,000 to research the suitability of these properties. The properties have been assessed, and a price of \$1.1 million was set for both. The City has some of the funding set aside for the purchase and is negotiating the remainder.

Nysoe moved to authorize resolution #1489. At the suggestion of Yost, Nysoe withdrew and made a new motion to expressly state the purchase price being fair market minus the \$16,000 already paid by the City as earnest money. The contract to hold the property, for which the City had paid the earnest money, has expired, so the landowner is not legally obliged to apply it towards the purchase price. Yost seconded the motion.

In discussion, Council Member Anderson said Ryan Laughery with 30 acres, and the Ogdens with 60 acres nearby told him nobody had gotten back to talk to them about using their land to process the waste by irrigation or underground septic.

Weatherford explained that the discharge on their properties would require much more land since it is a land-use application, and the City would need to discharge 300,000 gallons per day which is far more efficient on the low slope flood plain.

Aukerman argued that she struggles with the land purchase because the City would not be using thirty-five acres of the purchase, and she struggles with the flood zone issues.

“I struggle with that, especially with what Waitsburg just went through. We’re not even sure of the process we are going to use at the wastewater treatment plant that we’re gonna build prior to it getting there,” said Aukerman

Weatherford expressed concern that the Department of Ecology would start fining Dayton for non-compliance if it appears the City is not moving forward with its plans.

Aukerman said “You can take a step back and still be considered moving forward, and I know that sounds funny, but you can, and Ecology understands that.

Weatherford said it was not up to him to determine if the Department of Ecology might institute fines.

Aukerman replied, “I know it’s not. But let’s not insinuate that they will because they are forgiving, and they are understanding, and stepping back is not really, not making forward progress, it’s showing that you are weighting all options.”

Weatherford said the project hasn’t gone to design stage yet.

Council Member Dieu asked, “Who’s the project lead?”

Weatherford: “The what?”

Dieu: “The lead, like the leader.”

Weatherford: “We’ve all had monthly meetings between the City, Department of Ecology, Anderson Perry, and all the other entities that have been involved. Each entity reports, talks about it, figures out what the next steps are going to be and each entity has moved this project forward to try to get it where it is now, today.”

Dieu: “Right, so there’s no one person, though. There’s no one person who’s heading this up. It’s just a conglomerate of people. I believe that’s an issue.

Weatherford: “Well there’s not one person who can make a decision on this project.”

Dieu: “I see what you are saying but there’s going to be one person that they would go to. You gotta have a president in a country, whether or not that person is going to be arresting the kid down the block. You know what I mean? There’s gotta be somebody to go to.”

Nysoe, Yost, and McMunn voted for the resolution and voting against were Anderson, Dieu, Aukerman, and Hovrud. Since the purchase was not approved, the WWTP project will have to come up with a different solution.

Sheriff Helm reported his office is making good progress in filling vacant positions. The office has a new lateral deputy starting Monday, who, because he is already serving in another agency, does not need to go to the academy. The Sheriff’s office is hiring two other deputies who should start sometime in May. A candidate for the civil deputy position should also start serving in May.

Helm said that once training is completed for all the new deputies, his office will have nine road deputies, the chief deputy, the undersheriff, and the sheriff. A record-keeping assistant civil deputy will round out the department. Helm said he was negotiating with the County to fund another road deputy by the end of the year.

Ryan Paulson, the Public Works Director, implored the public, both in the City and County, to call 811 to locate buried lines before digging. Last Thursday, Paulson reported, a two-inch water main was severed by someone burying a dead horse. It’s the law. You may be financially liable if you don’t call.

Public Works plans to use clean fill dirt to fill the former city swimming pool to eliminate a major safety concern. Doing so might prevent a serious injury or death, and the fill could be removed by Public Works if the pool is resurrected.

The meeting adjourned at about 8 p.m.

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RCO funding.

Schmidt-gall told the commissioners that funds from the WSDOT grant could only be used for pedestrian and bicycle programs. The port would be asking for \$600,000, which could be used towards the match for the RCO grant. Since this is under \$800,000, there is no matching funds requirement for the WSDOT grant.

The RCO and WSDOT have assigned grant managers to the project to ensure the applications are complete, appropriate, and meet the requirements for funding.

The only question from the commissioners was from Watts, who asked if the plan was still the 30% design, from last April, with modifications.

Hansen said there were no printed drawings yet for the 60/90% design due to the changes moving the trail off Commercial Street.

Watts asked if there was anticipation for the 60/90% to be completed.

Dickinson answered that if they approved the route change through downtown Dayton, the 60/90% plans would be quickly completed since the route would be decided.

Crowe opened public comments specific to the trail.

Several comments were about having an advisory vote before continuing the project.

Crowe read a list of about seventy names of those who wrote or emailed the commissioners, with the majority expressing support for the trail.

The chair closed public comment period and the commissioners gave statements before the resolutions were brought up for a vote.

Commissioner Bryan said he read through the two grants and wanted to cover four subjects of concern: maintenance, property rights, public input, and the grants.

First, he said the estimated maintenance costs seemed too low. They did not take into consideration expenses for cleaning bathrooms, snow removal, vandalism, homeless, or flood damage. He specifically felt the issue of cleaning the bathrooms had not been covered in the maintenance plan.

His concerns over property rights, included right to farm issues, and spraying. He also asked who would put the signs up when there is spraying, would it be a new employee? He felt it was an example of unanswered questions.

Bryan said after looking at the civil drawings, he did not believe the port owned the complete right of way. He said he saw names of other property owners in the right of way on that document.

Anderson Perry consultants told The Times they are confident that the port does own the right of way. The civil drawings Bryant was the incomplete map used in the 30% design while the property searches were still being completed. Since then, there has been a full title search, reviewing of hundreds of documents by the title company and Anderson Perry, who are confident of its accuracy.

Regarding public input, Bryan felt there was not enough public outreach and spoke in favor of an advisory ballot.

Next, he said there would not be significant benefit from the trail since it was not connected to a larger trail. He also said it would not provide any real safety benefit, and there are already 200 miles of trail in the area to provide healthy recreation.

Regarding economic benefits Bryan said, “This trail doesn’t create living-wage jobs. It just doesn’t. Possible food service jobs, or convenience stores, or maybe a bicycle shop, or, you know, a few jobs but even the economic indicators that we were given in the presentation, the jobs that it’s talking about doing are between 25,000 and 35,000 dollars, so they’re down in the poverty level. So, we’re not talking about this is going to be a great boon and create all these jobs for all these people for nine-point seven miles of trail.”

He spent most of his statement discussing his interpretation of the grants.

Bryan said the chances of getting the WSDOT grant was unlikely since the amount the port is asking for does not require a match. However, this is not stated in the grant manual, or apparent in the past distributions.

With the new route through downtown partly on WSDOT land, the commissioner said, ‘it opens a whole new can of worms.’

Hansen and Schmidt-gall told The Times that the WSDOT grant manager had been involved with the change of route and was encouraged about moving forward.

Another issue concerning Bryan was the requirement that any WSDOT projects re-



Seth Bryan

ceiving federal funding must be on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). Since the project may apply for a federally funded RCO grant, it would have to be added to the STIP. He said the Touchet Valley Trail was not listed on the STIP.

According to the WSDOT website, only projects that have been awarded a grant is listed on the STIP. It states that funding is available for disbursement after a project is included on the plan.

Next, Bryan listed his concerns about the RCO and Water and Conservation Fund grant.

He repeatedly worried about the requirement for perpetual obligation for any development funded by RCO. He also did not think the trail fit the qualification of standing on its own merits as a recreational use.

The final area of concern about the RCO grant was his interpretation of the project boundary requirements. He said the entire trail was within the project boundary, including the railroad operator, Caboose Park, Waitsburg Park, Blue Mountain Station, the Depot, and the Smith House, and must forever remain for recreational use only.

The grant manager from the RCO replied to The Times in an email, stating that the RCO requires grant recipients to establish the project area by creating a boundary map. Anything within the boundary must remain recreation forever unless it is replaced by other recreation property by the recipient.

The important part of the RCO reply states that it is only the specific RCO funded development that would be affected by the strict requirements. In this proposal, the two areas are the pedestrian bridge crossing the Touchet River in Dayton and an area at Blue Mountain Station. These would have to remain recreation unless converted. It does not mean that the rest of the trail, the railroad, or any other locations Bryan mentioned are affected.

Bryan ended his statement by saying he would not allow the railroad or the railroad operator to be run off for a lousy trail.

RCO grant manager said the railroad would not have to stop operating. The port would just need to have control and tenure over the railway, which it does. It does not need to shut down the railroad operator or activity.

Watts said he spoke to “thousands” of people about the trail and said some would “not speak up because of retribution. He also said, “we got Ukraine, Russia, we need all the grain we can get, so I don’t want to take one inch of that farmland for that very reason.”

Crowe said she trusted the experts who have assessed all the right of ways.

She spoke of the dangers of bike and reminded everyone that the reason the Commissioners were looking at this issue today is that the public expressed a desire for this project years ago. It was included in the City/County/Port Cooperative Parks Master Plan, Columbia County Comprehensive Plan, the Port of Columbia Comprehensive Plan, and the City of Waitsburg Comprehensive Plan.

The Commissioners were to consider resolutions #2022-01 and 2022-02, allowing the Port to proceed with the grant applications for the trail. Bryan moved to deny both resolutions, both times seconded by Watts. Both resolutions were denied, with Bryan and Watts voting to deny and Crowe voting to approve.

Regarding the proposed advisory vote, Dickinson said the Port does not have the authority to put such a measure before the voters; however, both the County and City may do so.

Bryan moved that the Port take “no further action funding on the trail until we have gained a clear and obvious majority opinion that the community is for the trail.”

Watts seconded the motion. Crowe asked if an advisory vote was held, and a majority said they wanted the trail, would they abide by that? Bryan said, “I imagine we’ll cross that bridge when we get there.” Bryan’s earlier motion to take no further action until the community’s desires were determined passed by a 3-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned for a five-minute break. Afterward, Dickinson updated the Commissioners on the broadband project, most significantly that supply chain issues were inflating the price of the required fiber optic line. The Commissioners authorized the Director to buy fiber piecemeal to get the best price, including excess from other Port projects and companies.

The Port Commission then went into an executive session with no action following the session. The next regular Port meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m., May 11, 2022.



Genie Crowe

CALENDAR

Community Calendar



Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/ waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month

April 28, noon

Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main Street, Waitsburg

Zoom info availble by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main St Waitsburg

For more information email: waitsburgpr@protonmail.com

Community Health & Protection Committee

8:30 AM - Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Waitsburg City Hall and on Zoom

Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Call-in information is available at https://www.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php



Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Weller Public Library,

212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Weller Library Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

at Weller Public Library

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

Second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

Dayton School Board

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

April 25 at 7 p.m. (*Changed date from April 18*)

Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

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Dayton Memorial Library

Discovery Kids

Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon

Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library with online Zoom available.

Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650



Starbuck City Council

Second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall



Events, Film, Performace, Live Music

WAITSBURG

Eagles Dinner

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Waitsburg Fairgrounds, Lions Club building

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Public Welcome



Mythical / Movable

Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam

Upcoming Jams

(All Jams - 7:00PM)

Friday 4/22

7:00 p.m.

Ten Ton Coffee

216 Main Street, Waitsburg

For more information email Kate Hockersmith at TVAMP1@charter.net

Weller Library Story Times

Every Thursday at Weller Library

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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DAYTON

DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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June 6, Noon - 1:00 p.m: Tools, Pruning, and Maintenance

June 13, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m: Tools, Pruning, and Maintenance

Computer skills classes

April 25, 12 - 2 p.m.

Resume Review Week

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June 1

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WALLA WALLA

GESA POWERHOUSE THEATER

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Wednesday, April 27



FORT WALLA WALLA MUSEUM

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Thursday, April 28, 2022

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Book signing with Carla Giger, author of *Starbuck: The Little Town that Could*

May 14, 2 - 3 p.m.



Walla Walla Putt-Putt Pour

April 23

12 p.m.

Downtown Walla Walla

TAKE BACK WEEKEND

Prescription drug takeback event

Walla Walla Police Department

April 30

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Plant a Little Hope

plant and craft sale

Hope Street Fundraiser

May 6

2 p.m.

303 Catherine Street



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GOBLE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Darren Goble announces his intent to run for the Walla Walla County Commissioner District 3 seat that is currently held by Greg Tompkins who is retiring after his term later this year.

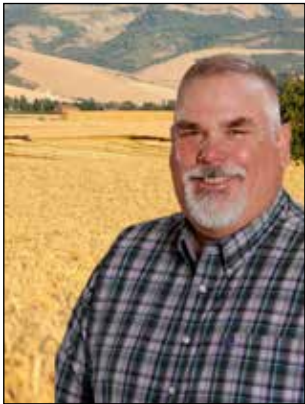
Darren is a lifelong farmer and businessman in the Touchet and Lowden community operating irrigated farm ground and a custom spraying business. Darren has a diverse professional background that ranges from agriculture, public works, renewable energy, and transportation. His educational roots began in Walla Walla County graduating from Touchet High School and then completing an AAS in Agricultural Mechanics at Walla Walla Community College. Darren later went on to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Diesel Power Technology from the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Ore.

Darren's political background includes 12 years with Touchet Schools as a School Board Director. For the past two years, he has been serving as a School Board Director with Walla Walla Catholic Schools. Furthermore, Darren is in his 9th year as a Fire Commissioner with Walla Walla Fire Protection District #6.

Community and public service are important parts of Darren's life. For the past 33 years, he has served as a volunteer firefighter, first responder, EMR & now EMT with District #6. Finally, Darren is in his 2nd term as the Livestock Director for the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Board.

If elected, Darren hopes to accomplish three goals in his first term in office. First, he believes in having an open-door policy so all community members can share their concerns. His second goal is to be a proactive listener to all the needs of all our elected officials that work within the county. A strong leader needs to understand what has worked and what has not in the past. Finally, Darren will always work to ensure the County is financially stable and is operating to best serve all our residents and the business community.

"I have a lifetime commitment to our community. I believe it is visible through my leadership, wisdom, and desire to make Walla Walla County the best place to raise a family," Goble stated on his website, <https://www.gobleforcommissioner.com>



Courtesy photo
Darren Goble

GOOD VIBRATIONS CONCERT COMING TO GESA

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla Choral Society will perform Good Vibrations, a concert at Gesa Power House Theatre on Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. and on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Vibrant, complex, tumultuous, contentious, fabulous, and of course, groovy all at the same time, that was the 60s. The extraordinary variety of cultural tones and nuanced music created and performed during this unforgettable decade has had an incalculable impact on our lives. The Beach Boys, Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, The Beatles, The Supremes, The Mamas and the Papas, Stevie Wonder, and many more artists churned out one extraordinary song after another.

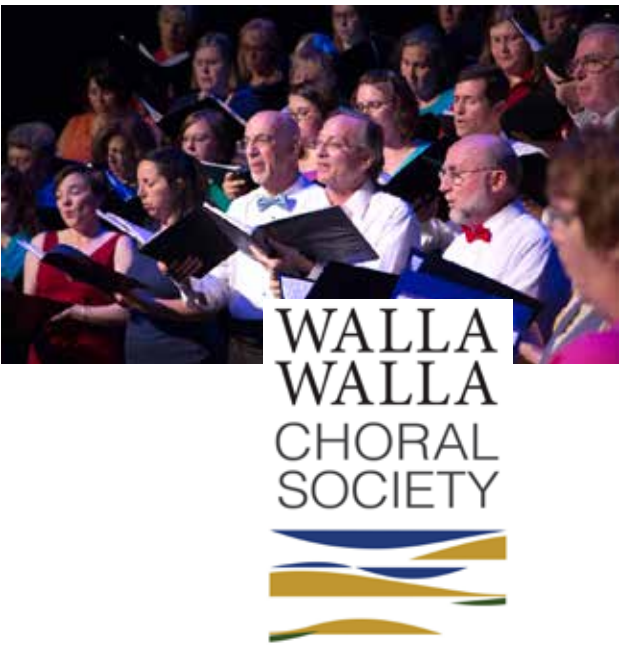
The Walla Walla Choral Society is a non-profit volunteer organization that promotes and performs accessible quality choral music for the Walla Walla Valley and collaborates with other artistic groups, enriching the community's cultural life. The Choral Society has delivered the gift of song to their community for more than 116 years.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the choral society postponed or canceled in-person rehearsals and concerts over the last few years. The Good Vibrations concert, initially scheduled for March 2020, was one that was postponed. The Artistic Director, Dr. Jenelle Westerbeck, has worked with the choral group society since resuming in-person rehearsals in September of 2021.

Reserved seating tickets (\$20 adults, \$17 youth under 18) are available online at www.phtww.org or by calling the Gesa Power House Theatre box office at 509-529-6500. Based on previous years' attendance, this event is expected to sell out.

This event is a rental at Gesa Power House Theatre by Walla Walla Choral Society.

Gesa Power House Theater is currently operating at full capacity but will continue to follow the most recent guidance from state and county Departments of Health. Current health and safety guidelines at Gesa Power House Theatre are available online, <https://phtww.org/covid-19/> or by calling the box office.



POWERHOUSE BOARDS: FREE SHERWOOD TRUST WORKSHOP ON NONPROFIT BOARD MEMBERSHIP

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—This spring, learn with Nancy Bacon and Rebecca Zanatta about how to serve on a nonprofit board of directors.

This workshop is a deep dive into how to build a nonprofit board, know the board member job, and work well together as a board. It is geared toward new and potential board members. The workshop is a two-part series taking place May 11 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Walla Walla Airport. Participants are encouraged to join both workshops as each have its own content. For more information and registration visit the Sherwood Trust website at www.sherwoodtrust.org.

"Powerhouse boards bring an energy to their work," said Bacon. "They make good decisions on behalf of their mission. They are nimble, influential, effective, and connected. You may have seen such a board in your community—maybe you serve on one. If so, you know the joy that comes when a group of people comes together and really makes a difference."

Facilitator Nancy Bacon has trained thousands of board members over the past five years. She is a teacher and instructional designer who has served in the nonprofit roles of executive director, founding program director, board member, and volunteer since 1996. She currently leads Nancy Bacon Consulting, a practice focused on learning and leadership in the nonprofit sector.

Facilitator Rebecca Zanatta, President of RJZ Connections, brings more than 25 years of experience building and stewarding strategic donor partnerships and has worked with over 130+ clients in her 10-year consulting career. She has a deep understanding of everything from planning, building, and managing a diverse and successful major gift and capital campaign to implementing a realistic and focused strategic plan.

Sherwood Trust is a private, place-based foundation that supports capacity-building to ensure that everyone in the Walla Walla Valley has a sense of belonging and contributes to a thriving region.

Founded in 1991 to continue the legacy of Donald and Virginia Sherwood's efforts to make the Walla Walla Valley a better place, it has invested more than \$35 million to strengthen nonprofits and improve communities here. For more information, please visit sherwoodtrust.org

For more information please contact Julia Leavitt at Sherwood Trust, 509-529-2791, or Julia@sherwoodtrust.org.



LEGAL NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GRANT

NO. 22-4-00088-13
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate

of:

ALVERA A. GAINES, deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Persons having a claim against the deceased must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) 30 days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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/s/ THERESA M.

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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 22-4-00041-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In re the Estate of: BERNICE MARIE WICK, Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representatives or to their attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court.
The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served

or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice.

If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

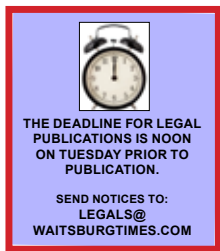
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Court of Probate Proceedings:
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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST COUNCILMEMBER OF CITY OF DAYTON

The City of Dayton is seeking to fill the vacant position of City Councilmember for the City of Dayton. The City is a non-charter code city with a Mayor-Council form of government as prescribed by Chapter 35A RCW. The City Councilmember position is open to a registered voter at the time of declaration of candidacy and has been a resident of within the boundaries of the City of Dayton for a period of at least one (1) year. Interested parties shall submit a letter of interest no later than May 6th, 2022. Interviews for the position shall be conducted at a regular meeting of the City Council and are anticipated to be at 6:00 p.m. On May 12th, 2022 at 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328. For additional information contact City Hall at 509) 382-2361 (option #2) or via email at dhays@daytonwa.com.

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BIRTHDAYS

April 21: Tracy Keve, Brooklyn Butler, Rebecca Dunn, Joyce Zingle, Dean and Deanna Keiser.

April 22: Julie Yokel, Mary Cunningham, Marge Benson, Mary Mathews and Dawn Roberts.

April 23: Claudia Cunningham, Juanita Gluck, Vera Webber, Sandra Cox, Caleb Durkee, Nico Harri and Lisa Kysar.

April 24: Betty Callahan, Julia Manyak, Rick Huwe, Bess Harter, Geneva Pettichord, Jason Sickles, Cheyenne Frohreich.

April 25: Sharon Pauley, Nancy Meyers, Bernice Mock, Richele Heilburn, Randy Schuster, and Michael Bessey

April 26: Charlie Baker, Lane Gwinn, Ernest Hermanns, Dain Henderson, Rich Lee, Gregory Kalahele-Stearns, Bryan Thomas, Patsy Donavon, Dawn Keith, Anna Newbury and George Porter.

April 27: Kathy Harshman and Tom Morrison



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NOTICE OF JOB OPENING:
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Provide quality supportive counseling and skills development through psychoeducational/skill building/symptom management groups and individual contact/collaboration with the treatment team and community partners. Duties may also include coordinating monthly medication management at the agency and visiting clients in the community.
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Imagination Library comes to town

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Listening to *Jolene* while working a 9-5 might be where your mind goes when you think of Dolly, but mine goes straight to books.

In December 2021, *The Times* received a press release from the United Way of the Blue (UWBM) Mountains, announcing that the Dolly Parton Imagination Library would be making its way to the children in the UWBM coverage area.

Since I am a reporter with a young child, I volunteered to sign Gracie up for the upcoming Imagination Library program. I had forgotten about it until this February when I opened my mailbox and found a copy of “The Little Engine That Could” tucked inside. Gracie is used to getting stuff in the mail through her Highlights and Ranger Rick subscriptions, but I had never seen her light up quite like she did when there was a new book waiting for her.

In 1995, Dolly Parton launched her Imagination Library to benefit the children in her home county in East Tennessee. She was on a mission to foster a love of reading in the county’s preschool-age population. Imagination Library began by sending a free book to kids and their families each month.

In less than 30 years, the Imagination Library has grown to include the rest of the US, Canada, Ireland, and the UK. More than 2 million kids have been registered since 1995, and nearly 180 million books have been given away. In 2010, the Imagination library expanded and added audio and braille books. Thanks to a partnership with the UWBM, the Library is here to serve the kids of Walla Walla and Columbia counties.

The Imagination Library is open to kids up to five years old, regardless of their family’s income. A lucky child who is signed up from birth will collect at least 60 age-appropriate stories, many of which are educational.

So far, Gracie has received “The Little Engine That Could” by Watty Piper, “Old Rock Is Not Boring” by Debbie Pilutti, and “Drop: An Adventure Through the Water Cycle” by Emily Kate Moon. The first book was a classic tale that reminds readers not to give up, while the last two have been fun ways to talk about



imaginationlibrary.com

In 1995, Dolly Parton launched Imagination Library through The Dollywood Foundation, to help children discover reading in her home county of Sevier County, Tennessee.



Gracie’s favorite book so far is *Old Rock Is Not Boring*, by Debbie Pilutti

time and science.

“Old Rock is my favorite,” Gracie said, “because I really like rocks. I want a collection.”

Of the stories we have gotten so far, I agree with Gracie. “Old Rock Isn’t Boring” has been my favorite, too.

“When I was growing up in the hills of East Tennessee, I knew my dreams would come true. I know there are children in your community with their own dreams. They dream of becoming a doctor, an inventor, or a minister. Who knows, maybe there is a little girl whose dream is to be a writer and singer. The seeds of these dreams are often found in books, and the seeds you help plant in your community can grow across the world,” the Imagination Library website says, quoting Dolly herself.

If you haven’t already, give your kiddo the gift of reading with the Imagination Library. Visit www.imagination-library.com to check availability in your area and to sign up!

Tulips in the Snow

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Schizophrenia doesn’t even begin to describe the weather this “spring.” Daniel declared, “this year, I’m not planting anything until May, even before the snow predictions.” I rolled my eyes and figured he would suffer his decision to be a laggard. His envy was palpable as my veggies thrived, and he would just be starting his. I didn’t figure on a snowy April. I’m not sure which is worse, admitting he was right to wait, or being frustrated at the seeds I planted early, now probably wasted.

I thought I waited too long to take off my snow tires, but who expected more snow? I had to dig my car out of the snow, but I also had to dig through the attic to drag out my boots, thermal underwear, and gloves!

Last week, my Los Angeles friends sent me pictures of them enjoying a BBQ in their backyard while lounging in their bathing suits and floating blissfully in their pool on rafts. I sent back pictures of my tulips, limply drowning in snow, my snow-covered car, and Mugsy trying to walk on our icy deck.

My friend Kate, who I consider the tomato whisperer, sent me a text a few weeks ago that she has a variety of tomato starts ready for me to pick up. Like her other recipients, I am lucky she was willing to “foster” them for a few more days. Planting tomatoes in the snow, even I, the novice gardener knows, can’t be a good idea. Hopefully, the next few days will be more amenable to planting them. Like Daniel, I’ll just wait until May.

My fingers are crossed that my tulips that haven’t bloomed yet will eventually bloom when spring arrives. The tulips and baby hyacinth that bloomed before the snowstorm are bright colors and give the illusion that spring will ultimately show up, or are they just tormenting me?

I am envious of everyone that had their gardens full of daffodils. For some



reason, yet to be determined, I only had one daffodil bloom this year. And, yes, I did plant more than one. I planted an entire Costco bag full. My friends tried to console me: “some are just late bloomers.” My luck, they were just about to bloom before the snow. Now I will never know. There’s always next year.

Daniel is busy building a deck in the backyard, in the area that is currently dirt; nothing grows there except goathead and other weeds. He has been unloading the truck, sawing, nailing, and measuring with frozen hands while trying to finish this project. I keep looking out the back door to ensure he hasn’t electrocuted himself while using power tools in the snow and rain. Right now, it’s just a base with six posts. I’m not sure if it’s the weather or maybe just my imagination, but it resembles Noah’s Ark. Obviously, the rain and snow are seeping into my psyche.

Yesterday was beautiful. I decided to grab the gardening tools to start weeding. I reintroduced myself to our fattened earthworms. I’ve decided to make name tags for them; they’re so big.

Typical of a Waitsburg spring day, I took a Mugsy walk break and ran into a friend. After a tour of her house and garden, she came to “tour” our deck in progress. The tour evolved into a relaxed glass (or two) of wine on the deck. Warmed by the sun, refreshed by wine, and chatting about the extraordinary length of our earthworms, it’s the perfect segue to spring. I hope mother nature agrees!

PG’s Wine of The Week

Brick House NV House Red Pinot Noir #2

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

The first NV (Non-Vintage) Brick House Red was introduced last year in response to the 2020 smoke taint issues that affected some Oregon vineyards. In this second release the winery has blended fruit from both 2020 and 2021 to make a better wine than 2020 alone. All the grapes were sourced from the estate’s biodynamic vineyard up on Ribbon Ridge. It’s a stunning value, with a refined herbal streak, tight and brambly red fruits, a touch of peppery spice and the evanescent aromatics that come from wild yeasts. Were this a vintage wine from Brick House it would command a significant price premium. This NV bottling is not only drinking beautifully right out of the gate, it offers a chance to enjoy a stellar Ribbon Ridge Pinot Noir at a bargain price.

567 cases; 12.5%; \$29

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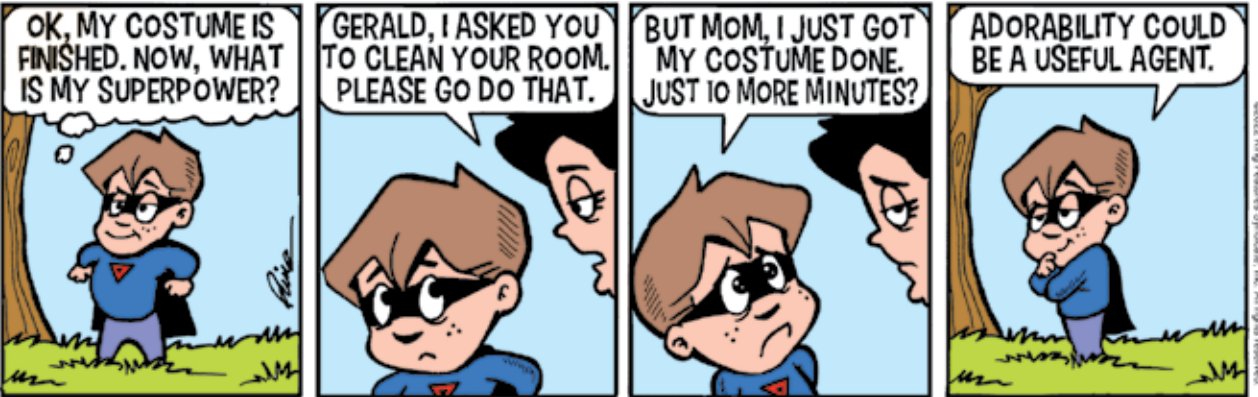
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By Jimmye L. Turner



Amber Waves

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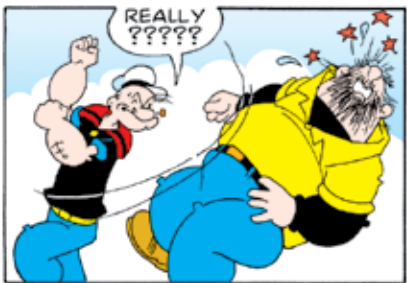
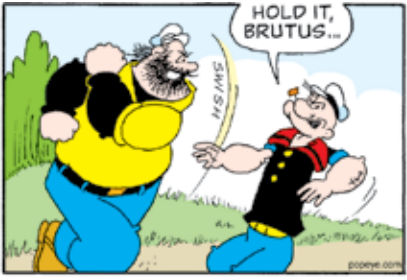
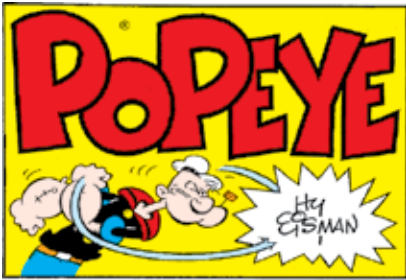
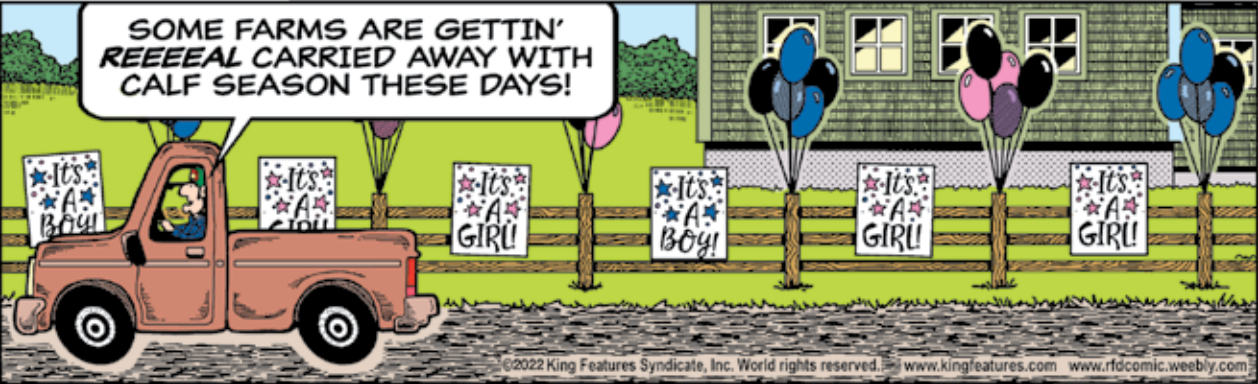
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Touchet Valley Weather

April 20, 2022

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Few Showers	T-storms Likely	Chance T-storms	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy
High: 62 Low: 42	High: 59 Low: 37	High: 60 Low: 41	High: 59 Low: 42	High: 63 Low: 43	High: 67 Low: 48	High: 68 Low: 47

Weather Trivia

What is the greatest amount of rain to fall within 24 hours in the United States?

Answer: Alvin, Texas holds the record with 43 inches falling in August 1977.

Weather History

April 20, 1989 - The temperature at Las Animas, Colo. soared to 100 degrees to establish a state record for April. Twenty-two cities in the central and southwestern United States reported record high temperatures for the date.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	42	30	61/42	0.09"	0.99"
Wednesday	46	30	62/42	0.09"	Normal precipitation..... 0.45"
Thursday	42	30R	62/42	0.13"	Departure from normal +0.54"
Friday	48	30	62/42	0.22"	Average temperature 39.2°
Saturday	38	31	62/42	0.24"	Average normal temperature 52.2°
Sunday	54	34	63/43	Trace	Departure from normal -13.0°
Monday	55	39	63/43	0.22"	

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last 4/23	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First 5/8
	Wednesday	5:57 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	12:01 a.m.	8:22 a.m.	
	Thursday	5:55 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	1:15 a.m.	9:19 a.m.	
	Friday	5:54 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	2:16 a.m.	10:27 a.m.	
	Saturday	5:52 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	3:04 a.m.	11:42 a.m.	
	Sunday	5:50 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	3:40 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	
	Monday	5:49 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	4:08 a.m.	2:16 p.m.	
	Tuesday	5:47 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	4:30 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Year Ago

April 19, 2012

Jerry and Peggy Hall at Prescott celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 14. They were married on Friday the 13 of April in Waitsburg. Peggy's maiden name was Dorsey. Jerry was working at Bills Thrift Store. He was employed for 4.5 years at the WW Farmer's Co Op in Prescott, and in February 1967, began working at the Walla Walla County Road Department. After 10.5 years, he was hired as the Swine Supervisor at the Washington State Penitentiary and retired after 19 years in June of 1996. Peggy was teaching seventh grade in Dayton. After moving to Prescott, she was a stay-at-home mom and then cooked at the Prescott School for 13 years, retiring in September of 1995. They were very active in 4H. The kids all raised and showed hogs. Jerry also enjoyed judging hogs at county fairs for many years.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 24, 1997

Heated exchanges and acrimony marked the first meeting of the 1997-98 Waitsburg City Council, as council members and a vocal opponent clashed during a lengthy discussion of the sheriff-marshall topic. Councilman Mark Lambert and Councilwoman Bettie Chase strongly objected to statements regarding the Council's actions in the controversy which were voiced by Jim Burres, a Waitsburg farmer-rancher and a one-time city council member. The hostile exchanges occurred during discussion of council person committee assignments initiated by Mayor Tom Baker.

Fifty Years Ago

April 20, 1972



[Photo Caption] Terry Lambert was the Reserve Grand Champion FFA Showman of the Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show.

Waitsburg's junior class chose David LaRue and Margaret John to be King and Queen of the Prom which was held in the high school gym last Saturday night. Theme of the prom was "When You're Hot, You're Hot" with the décor depicting a night visit to Hades.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

April 25, 1947

Merle Horney was awarded honorable mention in the news photo contest sponsored by the Washington State Press Club for her picture of several small boys fishing under the bridge over the Touchet River on Main Street.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peck last Wednesday at St. Mary Hospital.

Betty Pollard was "Queen of the Week" when she held the lucky ticket at the Jaycee dance last week. She was crowned with a wreath of flowers by Johnny Romine, master of ceremonies.

One Hundred Years Ago

April 21, 1922

Mrs. J. P. Gasaway, Mrs. Lyman Lakin and Mrs. A. E. Dumond were shopping in Dayton Thursday.

An alarm of fire was turned in Saturday night from the McKinney Auto Co. garage, when an auto tube caught fire from a vulcanizing outfit. The fire was easily extinguished without the aid of the chemical and no damage was done except to the auto tube.

The second-year class in Home Economics composed of Donna Buroker, Nellie Harrington, Ellen Glover, Helen Gould, Bessie Barnes, Margaret Zuger, Lillian Segraves, Elsie Klatt and Marjorie Spafford, prepared and served a five-course dinner in honor of the teachers Thursday evening.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 23, 1897

A quilting party was given Mrs. Margaret Jones, who lives with her son John Jones near Alto, on Tuesday. The occasion was grandma's 70 birthday. Several attended from this city.

A. Vining started the street sprinkler on Monday morning. The streets were becoming very dusty.

Harness thieves are getting in their work (in Dixie) and the officers are after the offenders. Peter Strahm and W. T. Hastings had three sets of harness stolen last Friday night and Fred Hanm and Henry Parks are under arrest for the offense.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

MUDDLED FEELINGS

- ACROSS
- 1 Outlook
- 7 Opponents
- 13 Rolling Stones frontman's family
- 20 Despise
- 21 Funny in a twisted way
- 22 Shrinking salt lake in Asia
- 23 "Does this medication act as a sedative at all?"
- 25 French painter Henri
- 26 Pops
- 27 Dark warrior Kylo of sci-fi
- 28 Magical elixir that turns people into mouselike rodents?
- 30 Sun or moon
- 32 People using paste
- 35 — Moines
- 36 26th letters, to Brits
- 37 The singer of "Kiss an Angel Good Mornin' " was nosy?
- 41 Caustic liquid
- 44 Mogul
- 45 Football field
- 47 Loss of the sense of smell
- 52 Out of kilter
- 53 Upkeep of a kitchen stove?
- 57 Peter of Herman's Hermits
- 59 Freeman of "Angel Face"
- 60 "... roughly"
- 61 Landscaping tool used by a large company?
- 68 Culinary mushroom
- 69 Not ingested
- 70 Coll. in Lower Manhattan
- 71 First letter
- 73 Follies show
- 74 Question to someone who rudely interrupts a chat?
- 78 Ruckuses
- 79 Teeny power source
- 81 Nation in "The Hunger Games"
- 82 Captured during a revolt?
- 87 Frosting tools
- 92 Bit of conjunctivitis medicine
- 93 Ballesteros of golf
- 94 Pages transmitted by PCs
- 95 Gave the heave-ho to
- 97 Cost to buy an airline ticket?
- 101 FBI workers: Abbr.
- 105 Cooke of soul
- 107 Actor Chuck
- 108 Small child
- 109 Arsons?
- 113 Some refinery input
- 114 Bummed
- 116 Emilio of Hollywood
- 117 Apt things to feel when solving this puzzle?
- 123 Really dumb
- 124 6-Down plus one
- 125 State tree of New Jersey
- 126 — Pilate (biblical official)
- 127 Most tender
- 128 Wisenheimer
- DOWN
- 1 — Baba
- 2 "Mayday!"
- 3 Avenged
- 4 Kett of comics
- 5 Neighbor of Sudan
- 6 What X may mean
- 7 Creep higher, as shorts
- 8 Wrinkle remover
- 9 "I do," e.g.
- 10 Sothern of "Kid Millions"
- 11 Actor
- 12 Young cod
- 13 "Misery" star
- 14 Give — (care)
- 15 Cat, to Juan
- 16 Ostentatious showiness
- 17 "Charlotte's Web" actress
- 18 Turf anew
- 19 Camille Saint- —
- 24 Annual: Abbr.
- 29 Meadow
- 30 Eight: Prefix
- 31 "Wide Sargasso Sea" novelist
- 32 With 118-Down, child of a boomer
- 33 Emma Peel player
- 34 Diana
- 37 Withered
- 38 Jane in court
- 39 Something hit by a basso
- 40 Lightly lit
- 42 Swenson of "Benson"
- 43 John in court
- 46 Title for 33-Down
- 48 Not rough
- 49 — Melodies (old toons)
- 50 Pant-leg line
- 51 Coral rings
- 53 Bicolor horse
- 54 Busy insect
- 55 Once named
- 56 Fish-fowl link
- 58 Some refinery input
- 61 Run, as an art exhibition
- 62 In the future
- 63 Rescind
- 64 Waited a bit
- 65 Ltr. holder
- 66 Henna or anil
- 67 Chap
- 68 Orange Bowl loc.
- 71 Motels
- 72 San Francisco's — Valley
- 74 Astros, on scoreboards
- 75 Rock blasters
- 76 Unseal, in poetry
- 77 Old Egypt-Syr. alliance
- 79 "Life is like — of chocolates"
- 80 They're large in large-print materials
- 83 Pro-gun org.
- 84 Sports arbiter
- 85 Tennis' Lendl
- 86 Blood fluid: Prefix
- 88 Coral islet
- 89 Way out of a building
- 90 Nevada city on I-80
- 91 USAF NCO
- 94 Bad grades
- 96 Flow barrier
- 98 Wears away
- 99 Set straight
- 100 Movie
- 101 Tons
- 102 Painter's undercoat
- 103 Tarte — (apple treat)
- 104 Artery insert
- 106 Some viral trends
- 110 Roman
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- 111 Brand of lens solution
- 112 Farm tower
- 114 Banana part
- 115 Verdi opera
- 118 See 32-Down
- 119 Eden evictee
- 120 Hosp. areas
- 121 Cable TV's — Geo Wild
- 122 Cloud's place

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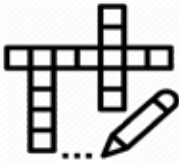
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Picadillo Enchiladas

Over the years, my love for cooking, (mixed with my desire to learn more about half of my ancestry), has led me on a journey exploring the food traditions of Mexico. Some of the discoveries I've made include: homemade tortillas are infinitely better than store-bought, you can never have too many helping hands when making tamales, and serving a bubbling pan of enchiladas is like a hug from the kitchen. The endless variety of fillings and sauces that can be made into enchiladas add to their near-universal appeal. Here, corn tortillas are rolled with a zesty beef picadillo filling, before being smothered in a classic red sauce.



Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 1 small green bell pepper, diced
- 4 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
- 1 pound ground beef, 80/20
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons ground chipotle or ancho chili (or to taste)
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground allspice
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 1 large russet potato, peeled and ½-inch diced, about 1 cup
- One 14-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- ½ cup chicken stock or water
- 3 to 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 12 corn tortillas
- 2 cups shredded Colby Jack cheese, (about 8 to 10 ounces)
- 3 ½ cups (28-ounce can) red enchilada sauce

Directions:

In a large skillet, heat olive oil over moderate heat. Cook onions with green pepper until translucent and soft, about 5 to 8 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for another 30 seconds until fragrant. Add the beef and break up with spoon, stirring to incorporate with the onion mixture. Add the oregano, cumin, chili, cinnamon, and allspice to the beef. Then season to taste with salt and black pepper. Continue to cook for 5 to 8 minutes until the beef is browned.

Next, add the diced potatoes and stir them into the meat mixture. Add the tomatoes and chicken stock, turn up heat and bring to a simmer. Then cover pan, lower heat to maintain gentle simmer, and cook for 10 minutes. Remove lid, raise heat back to medium, and simmer uncovered for an additional 10 to 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Picadillo is done when the potatoes are tender, and the liquid has reduced and thickened. Taste and adjust seasoning. Take off heat and set aside.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a skillet, heat 3 tablespoons of the vegetable oil over medium-high heat. When the oil is shimmering, quickly fry tortillas, one at a time, until soft, about 5 seconds per side. Add more oil to pan halfway through, if needed. Be gentle to prevent tortillas from ripping. Drain on paper towels, then stack cooked tortillas on a plate and set aside.

Pour a thin layer of the enchilada sauce in the bottom of a 9 by 13-inch baking dish. Spread about ¼ cup of the picadillo down the center of a tortilla, and top with a spoonful of the cheese. Carefully, roll from the side closest to you, tightly packing the filling, to make enchilada. Place seam side down in the pan and then repeat with remaining tortillas. Pour generous amount of remaining enchilada sauce over the tops, making sure to get sauce in between and all around each enchilada. Top with thin layer of cheese and set in hot oven on middle rack. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until sauce is bubbling and cheese is lightly browned. Allow pan to rest for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

Notes:

Picadillo is a beloved dish, with versions found across Latin America. Some versions use lots of tomatoes, while some use barely any at all. In Cuba and Puerto Rico, instead of potatoes they add green olives and raisins, a nod to Spanish cuisine. In Mexico, picadillo is often simply served as a stew with rice, or as a filling for tacos, tostadas, and enchiladas. In South America, it is often made with shredded beef and used as a filling for empanadas.

When assembling the enchiladas, sometimes I will arrange them in two pans to avoid overcrowding. Rotate the pans halfway through baking, and cover with foil if the top is browning too fast. You can also freeze half of the unbaked enchiladas, for a future dinner. When baking from frozen, cover with foil for 20 minutes, then uncover and bake an additional 15 to 20 minutes until cooked through.

This week I served these enchiladas with sour cream and chopped cilantro garnished on top. A bright salad of cabbage, red onion, radish, pepitas, and lime juice was refreshing on the side. Buen provecho. Enjoy!

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Waitsburg from Middle Waitsburg Road, after last weeks unexpected, late spring snow. The city and valley saw snow, sleet, hail, sun, wind, and blue skies all in one day.

New electronic pitch calling system in MLB

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

I'll admit I'm not a fan of most of the changes that Major League Baseball has made to the game over the years. Expanded play-offs, Inter-league games, an additional division in each league, the luxury tax, and the unbalanced schedule are just a few of the changes I could have done without. However, while watching games this week, I was surprised by a rule change that I'd not heard about.



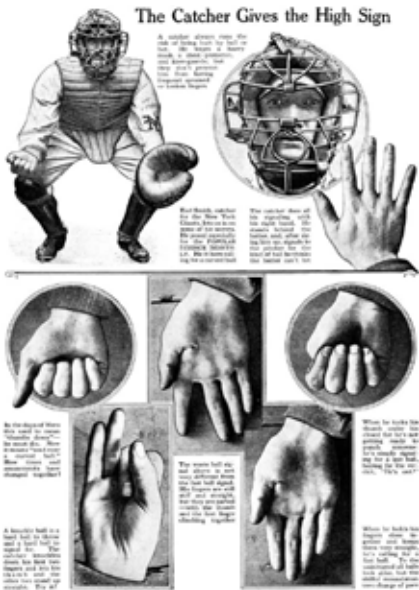
It was approved by the players and owners two days before opening day, MLB now allows players to begin using a pitch-calling system. The change was made with the hope that it will reduce sign stealing. So far, fifteen of the thirty MLB teams are using the system.

With this system the catcher wears a small electronic sleeve with buttons programmed with a pitch and location. The pitcher has a small receiving device inside his hat that tells him where to throw the pitch. A catcher can push a button that calls for a fastball high and inside and the pitcher will hear that in English or Spanish through his receiver. The device can also be programmed for code words instead of the literal translation. This may keep teams from hacking into the system even though the transmission is encrypted. For additional security against cheating, the receivers will only work with a particular sleeve transmitter.

The device did seem to improve the pace of play as there were no mound visits. There also appeared to be less time between pitches or at least between the agreement of what pitch was going to be thrown. In addition to the pitcher, the two infielders and the center fielder are allowed to wear a receiver for defensive positioning.

Not all the bugs have been worked out of the system yet. A couple of relief pitchers looked uncomfortable with the receiver and went back to hand signals. There was also a moment in one game when the crowd noise was too loud for

the pitcher to hear through the receiver. PitchCom, the company that is providing the electronics, is also working on a version for next year that will provide a visual system on a watch for the players. The prototype looks a lot like an Apple Watch. Overall, this change should be good for baseball. It's just a few games into the season and it already feels normal not to see catchers putting their fingers down to give signs to the pitchers. It also does away with changing signs when the opposing team has runners on base. No one will miss pitchers looking into their hats to figure out what set of signals they are now using.



D/W Sports in the snow

HS SPORTS

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

Track and Field
Waitsburg and Dayton—On Friday, April 15, the Wolfpack track and field team was unable to attend the track meet at Umatilla, Oregon, due to snowy road conditions. The DW softball and baseball games against Riverview were canceled due to weather and will be played on Thursday, April 21. DW home games for softball are played in Dayton and baseball in Waitsburg.

Golf
The golf team traveled to Sun Willows in the Tri-Cities on Wednesday, April 13. The Wolfpack placed 5th out of 13 teams. Coach McGhan remarked that the weather was definitely a factor as the temperature was in the low 40s. The kids played through the wind and intermittent rain. Caleb Barron again was the top golfer for DW with a score of 110, Theo Anderson shot a 115, Garrett Palmer 121 and Lucas VanHoose shot a 133 on the 18-hole course. In the girls' field, Claudia Benavides shot a 121 to place individually 21st out of 38 golfers.

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